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SUBJ: MBFR WORKING GROUP MEETING NOVEMBER 20

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REF: A) USNATO 5520; B) USNATO 5601

SUMMARY: AT ITS NOV 20 MEETING MBFR WORKING GROUP (WG) REVIEWED NEW, TURKISH AMENDED DRAFT OF CHAPTER VI TO SECOND REPORT ON MOVEMENT CONSTRAINTS; DISCUSSED OUTSTANDING TURKISH/GREEK DIFFICULTY ON PARA 30B OF CHAPTER II IN SAME REPORT; AND TOOK NOTE OF CHAIRMAN'S DESIRE TO FORWARD ENTIRE SECOND REPORT ON MOVEMENT CONSTRAINTS TO SPC FOR BACKGROUND USE IN LATTER'S DRAFTING OF SPC REPORT ON STABILIZING MEASURES. WG THEN AGREED
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THAT STAFF GROUP WOULD PREPARE SHORT, SUCCINCT REPORT ON MILITARY/TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF U.S. NOV 12 PAPER ON STABILIZING MEASURES FOR USE BY SPC; THREW OUT STAFF GROUP REPORT TO SPC ON NEGOTIATED INSPECTION, AND UNDERTOOK DRAFTING A NEW REPORT BASED ON UK

COMMENTARY ON U.S. PAPER CIRCULATED NOV 12. FINALLY, WG HEARD LATEST STATUS REPORT ON NATO NATIONAL GROUND MANPOWER FIGURES IN NGA, AND RECEIVED REQUEST FOR NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS ON NATO AND WP AIR FORCE AND AIR MANPOWER ESTIMATES. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, NOV 23. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE AS NOTED IN PARA 1-4 BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. SECOND REPORT ON MOVEMENT CONSTRAINTS - CHAIRMAN (SMITH) OPENED MEETING WITH PROPOSAL THAT WORKING GROUP SEEK TO CONCLUDE ITS WORK ON ALL CHAPTERS OF THE SECOND REPORT (I THROUGH VII), SO THAT IT WOULD HAVE BENEFIT OF DETAILED ANALYSIS ON CONSTRAINTS AS IT BEGINS TO DRAFT SPC REPORT ON STABILIZING MEASURES. HE NOTED THAT TURKISH REP (GUR) HAD PROMISED TO WORK ON SECTION 2 OF CHAPTER VI OF AC/276-WP(73)16/1 SO THAT ANY REFERENCE TO TURKEY BEING INCLUDED IN A CONSTRAINTS AREA WOULD BE REMOVED. HE THEN CIRCULATED A NEW TEXT OF SECTION 2 (SEPTEL(INCORPORATING THESE CHANGES, AND ASKED IF DELEGATIONS WOULD NOW BE READY TO APPROVE CHAPTERS I THROUGH VII BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23 SO THAT REPORT COULD GO FORWARD FOR USE BY IS. GREECE, TURKEY AND U.S. RESERVED ON NEW TEXT. NOTING THAT THERE WAS STILL GREEK AND TURKISH DISAGREEMENT OVER FORMULATION OF PARA 30B OF CHAPTER III, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT CONTINUED TURKISH, GREEK AND U.S. RESERVATIONS ON OVERALL PAPER, CHAIRMAN THEN ASKED WHETHER DOCUMENT COULD BE FORWARDED TO IS UNDER COVER OF A CHAIRMAN'S REPORT WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT PAPER STILL SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THREE DELEGATIONS. HE ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO HAVE FULL AGREEMENT ON ALL CHAPTERS BY FRIDAY IF POSSIBLE. COMMENT: PER STATE 174761 WE RECALL THAT WASHINGTON ALLOWED US TO ENDORSE AC/276-WP(73)16 EVISED, WHICH CONSTITUTES FIRST FOUR CHAPTERS AND CHAPTER VII OF MOVEMENT CONSTRAINTS PAPER. ONLY OUTSTANDING ISSUE HAS BEEN PHRASING OF PARA 30B (SEE USNATO 4444). WE ARE WORKING WITH TURKISH AND GREEK REPS TO PRODUCE AGREED LANGUAGE. AT LAST MEETING, CHAPTER V WAS APPROVED WITH EXCEPTION OF U.S. RESERVE. CHAPTER VI NOW CONTAINS NEW LANGUAGE WHICH HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AD REF BY TURKEY AND GREECE (DETAIL REFEL). CAN WE APPROVE ALL SEVEN CHAPTERS AS TECHNICAL STUDY, AND IF NOT MAY WE ENDORSE CHAIRMAN FORWARDING PAPER AS SECRET

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UNRESOLVED BUT FOR BACKGROUND USE OF IS? END COMMENT

2. WG THEN CONSIDERED THIRD REPORT ON MOVEMENT CONSTRAINTS, POST REDUCTIONS (AC/276-WP(73)38, POUCHED). UK REP LLOYD OFFERED FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS: PARA 15 - ADD TO FIRST SENTENCE IN LIEU OF COLON - "UP TO THE TIME WHEN THE SITUATION HAS DEVELOPED TO A POINT AT WHICH NATO NO LONGER FEELS OBLIGED TO ADHERE TO A CONSTRAINTS AGREEMENT (SEE NOT):" NOTE READS "AT ABOUT M PLUS 23 (THIS IS AFTER AN MBFR AGREEMENT IS LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN ABROGATED) TWO ADDITIONAL DIVISIONS ARE PLANNED TO ARRIVE." ALL REPS SAID THEY COULD AGREE WITH PAPER INCLUDING UK AMENDMENTS. U.S. REP CONTINUED TO RESERVE. COMMENT: CAN WASHINGTON ACCEPT THIS REPORT, AGAIN AS A TECHNICAL STUDY? AGREEMENT ON

SECOND AND THIRD REPORTS WOULD EFFECTIVELY CONCLUDE WG ACTIVITY
IN CONSTRAINTS FIELD. END COMMENT

3. CHAIRMAN THEN ANNOUNCED THAT WG WOULD DEVELOP FOR FRIDAY
MEETING DRAFT REPORT ON STABILIZING MEASURES FOR SUBMISSION TO
IS AND WHICH WOULD BE INCORPORATED IN DRAFT SPC REPORT ON THIS
SUBJECT. UK REP EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT ALLIES WERE MOVING MUCH
TOO RAPIDLY ON A COMPLEX AND CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECT. MEASURES
IN THE U.S. PAPER OF NOV 12 REQUIRED, IN HIS VIEW, THOUGHTFUL
EXAMINATION IN CAPITALS BEFORE TECHNICAL JUDGMENTS COULD BE REACHED
AT NATO. U.S. REP INDICATED URGENCY FOR ALLIES TO SPELL OUT
WHAT THEY HAD IN MIND WITH RESPECT TO STABILIZING MEASURES,
AS IDENTIFIED BUT NOT AMPLIFIED IN THE PROPOSED ALLIED
FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL. OTHER REPS SUPPORTED THIS VIEW. UK REP
THEREUPON AGREED TO STAFF GROUP'S DRAFTING A PROPOSED REPORT
FOR CONSIDERATION BY WG ON FRIDAY. AT UK AND DUTCH REQUEST,
TEXT WILL BE TRANSMITTED BY CABLE TO CAPITALS VIA NATO WIDE
CHANNELS. DTG THIS MESSAGE IS SM 003, REFERRING TO AC 276WP(73)44.

4. TURNING TO DRAFT WG ON NEGOTIATED INSPECTION, ALSO REQUESTED
BY SPC FOR INCLUSION IN SPC REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT, WG DECIDED
THAT DRAFT CIRCULATED AT PREVIOUS MEEING WAS WHOLLY INADEQUATE.
REPS THEREFORE AGREED WITH UK PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A MORE TIGHT
AND SPECIFIC DOCUMENT BASED ON UK COMMENTARY TO U.S. PAPER ON
NEGOTIATED INSPECTION AS CONTAINED IN AC276-20(73)42. SINCE
LATTER DID NOT COVER ALL MEASURES IDENTIFIED IN U.S. PAPER,
UK REP VOLUNTEERED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE, WHICH HE
DID DURING LATE AFTERNOON. CHAIRMAN AGREED TO CONSOLIDATE
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THESE SUBMISSIONS, TAKE INTO ACCOUNT OTHER NATIONAL COMMENTS
MADE, AND WILL ALSO TRANSMIT NEW TEXT BY CABLE VIA NATO-WIDE
CHANNELS. DTG OF THIS MESSAGE IS SM002 REFERRING TO AC 276-WP(73)43.
COMMENT: SINCE WG REPORTS ON INSPECTION MEASURES AND STABILIZING
MEASURES ARE ESSENTIALLY INTRA-COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR EVENTUAL
INCORPORATION INTO BROADER IS STUDIES FOR USE BY SPC, WE WOULD
PROPOSE AGREEING TO THEM ON FRIDAY UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.
END COMMENT

5. ON DATA, CHAIRMAN OF SUBGROUP ON DATA REPORTED
THAT HE HAD NOW RECEIVED LATEST, NATIONALLY CONFIRMED FIGURES
FOR ALLIED MANPOWER AND TANK HOLDINGS IN THE NGA (DETAILS SEPTEL).
HE ALSO CIRCULATED AIDE MEMOIRE REQUESTING UP-TO-DATE DATA
ON AIR FORCES AND AIR MANPOWER IN THE NGA (TEXT OF AIDE
MEMOIRE AND USNATO COMMENTS SEPTEL).

6. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 23. REQUEST GUIDANCE AS
REQUESTED PARAS 1-4 ABOVE. RUMSFELD

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